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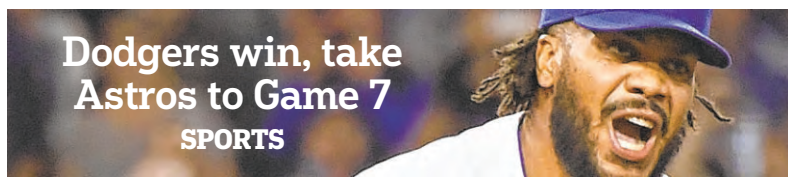

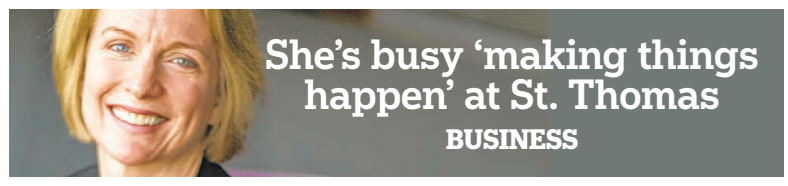

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Welcome, November? Slush, more cold. **B6**

TOP NEWS

GOP KEEPS PUSHING TAX BILL

House Republicans are furiously trying to finish a bill that remains largely secret. **A4**

Catalan leader pleads for help
Puigdemont says Catalonia's independence an issue for Europe. **A3**

Killer has ties to Minnesota
A man arrested in Utah, Colorado killings from state. **A6**

N.Z. may take climate exiles
Would be first country to OK climate as reason to grant asylum. **D2**

LOCAL NEWS

Election Day is drawing near
Voting machines and 'I voted' stickers ready to go. **B1**

Groups want wolves spared
Animal rights groups say petting zoo should not own or be able to kill wolves. **B1**

St. Anthony has challenges
Council election highlights big-city issues confronting the village. **B1**

SPORTS

Vikings' QB moving well
Case Keenum's mobility is getting plenty of positive reviews. **C1**

Wild's modest streak ends
Niederreiter back, but Jets stop streak at two, win 2-1. **C1**

BUSINESS

Hormel buys another firm
Austin, Minn., firm pays $850 million for a premium deli meat maker. **D1**

VARIETY

No words for 'Speechless'
The Moving Company play without speaking parts will leave you ... **E1**

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Two women lost at sea didn't activate their emergency beacon to be saved, causing some to wonder why. **A2**

Did Castile protest have Russian ties?

Activists skeptical, despite reports of social media hacks.

By RANDY FURST
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One of several Twin Cities protests four days after the fatal police shooting of Philando Castile 16 months ago may have been organized in part by Russian hackers, according to national media accounts, before skeptical local organizers took over.

The reports by CNN and the Wall Street Journal alleged that Russian agents were behind eight Facebook accounts that publicized or financed at least 60 rallies in the United States, including one in the Twin Cities on July 10, 2016. The Journal said it examined archived versions of now-deleted Facebook posts and interviewed activists familiar with the events.

Some local activists said Tuesday they didn't believe it was Russians promoting the demonstration. Instead, they said, out-of-state protesters were trying to meddle.

One of the Facebook pages, hosted by a group called "Don't Shoot," publicized a demonstration scheduled for that day outside St. Paul police headquarters, recalled Michelle Gross, president of Communities United Against Police Brutality. She and other organizers were suspicious, saying St. Paul police were not involved in the Castile shooting, and that no one had heard of the group. "This was pretty crazy," Gross said. "Who was calling this?"

On hot seat: Officials from social media outlets grilled by Congress over fake ads. **A4**

The local General Defense Committee (GDC) of the International Workers of the World (IWW) and Gross' group worried that protesters might not be safe, and both posted notices urging people not to attend.

Thousands of people RSVP'd that they would attend. Some

See **PROTEST** on A7 ►

Terror jolts Manhattan

Pickup plows into a crowded bike path, killing 8

TODD MAISEL • New York Daily News/TNS
Mangled bicycles and victims covered with sheets marked the path of a driver's mad rampage down a Manhattan bike path.

JAMES KEIVOM • New York Daily News/TNS
Bystanders comforted one another near the scene where the drivera gunman emerged from his crashed truck. He was shot

By COLLEEN LONG and JAKE PEARSON • Associated Press

NEW YORK – A man in a rented pickup mowed down pedestrians and cyclists along a busy bike path near the World Trade Center memorial on Tuesday, killing at least eight and seriously injuring 11 in what the mayor called "a particularly cowardly act of terror."

Authorities described it as the deadliest New York City terrorist attack since 9/11.

The driver was shot by police after jumping out of the truck with what turned out to be a fake gun in each hand and shouting what witnesses said was, "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for "God is great," authorities said. The man underwent surgery and was in critical condition but was expected to survive.

Officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity identified the attacker as Sayfullo Saipov, 29, and said he is from Uzbekistan and came to the U.S. legally in 2010. A family friend said he had roots in Ohio, where he lived a few years ago and was a commercial truck driver.

The driver in Tuesday's attack barreled along the bike path in a rented Home Depot truck for the equivalent of about 14 blocks, or around eight-tenths

See **ATTACK** on A10 ►

Mueller charges send a message

Cooperation rewarded; more indictments likely.

By JOSEPH TANFANI
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WASHINGTON – The first criminal charges filed in the investigation of President Donald Trump's campaign aides and Russia's meddling in the 2016 election come straight from a well-thumbed playbook of white-collar crime prosecutions — reward defendants who cooperate, drop the hammer on those who won't, and scare others into talking.

The harsh indictments of Trump's former campaign manager and his deputy — and news that a third former campaign aide has been secretly cooperating with investigators since July — are a clear sign that special counsel Robert Mueller has adopted a bare-knuckle strategy and that more indictments are almost certain, according to former prosecutors.

"I think this sends a message to people in the cross hairs that

See **TRUMP** on A5 ►

Robert Mueller has the authority to prosecute any crimes he uncovers.

Twin City Fan family's feud gets settled

Charles Barry will sell his share to end legal dispute.

By JEFFREY MEITRODT
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After a bruising battle for control of one of the Twin Cities' largest family-owned businesses, the former chief executive of Twin City Fan Cos. has reached a truce with his son and other family members.

Under terms of the deal, longtime chief executive Charles Barry has agreed to sell his 26.6 percent share of the company for $15 million to $20 million, according to an attorney who has been briefed on the terms.

His son Michael gains control of the manufacturing company, which employs 1,500 people in five states. Several ongoing lawsuits were put on hold this month after family members agreed to a term sheet resolving all claims, according to an order filed by

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ROGER ERICKSON 1928 — 2017

'CCO legend made mornings, snow days a joy

By MARY LYNN SMITH and PAT PHEIFER • Star Tribune staff writers

For generations of Minnesotans, Roger Erickson was the first voice they heard in the morning.

The WCCO-AM radio legend, along with his co-host Charlie Boone, were the morning duo that people tuned into for a laugh over their morning coffee and commute, for news and the day's weather. In the winter, kids everywhere listened, rapt, for Erickson to list their school among the snow-day closures.

His deep, melodious voice made getting up in the morning a bit more comforting, a little more fun.

Erickson died Monday at his home in Plymouth. He was 89.

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A Brooklyn Park intersection honored Charlie Boone and Roger Erickson in 1981.

Those who tuned to 830 AM on the dial every morning thought of Erickson as more than just a guy on the radio. He was like a neighbor. He became part of your family, said WCCO-AM morning news host Dave Lee. "He was smart, funny and very clever. He was everything you would want from a friend."

Those who worked alongside him say he was an extraordinary talent, a gifted writer and a "treasure trove" of ideas. He was a Minnesota farm kid who was genuine and unassuming. He was a quintessential Minnesotan.

"If you were going to go to central casting to find *the* Minnesotan, Roger

See **ERICKSON** on A6 ►